



TOWN OF WENHAM

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting of Tuesday, April 1, 2008 ~ 7 PM
Selectmen's Meeting Room

APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AT THEIR MEETING OF

April 8, 2008

Wenham Selectmen Present: Mr. Clemenzi, Chair; Mr. Hersee; Mr. Swartz
Also Present: Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Secretary; Paul Weaver, Town Counsel

Abbreviations:

BOS – Board of Selectmen
FAC – Finance and Advisory Committee
ATM – Annual Town Meeting
TA – Town Administrator

Public information:

Agenda

7: 01 Mr. Clemenzi opened the meeting and identified the agenda.

Presentation of Town Hall - John Darling on behalf of the Building Committee

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Interior Decorations within the Building

Mr. Darling began by naming those people who served on the Building Committee and reviewed the charge to the Committee by Town Meeting to build a new police station and renovate the Town Hall. He announced that the Building Committee was officially turning the buildings over to the Selectmen for the town use.

Speaking for the Committee, Mr. Darling recognized the TA and the town hall staff for the smooth move from the Center School to the Town Hall building.

Mr. Darling went on to review some of the remaining work that needs to be completed.

He told the Selectmen that the BC is recommending that an open house for the Town Hall, Police Station and Fire Station be scheduled.

The BOS recognized and thanked Mr. Darling as Chair for his commitment and dedication to the project and for all the work the Building Committee has done.

Mr. Chelgren told the Selectmen that policies will need to be implemented with the new building and he will bring these policies to the BOS for review and approval..

The Board discussed holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new buildings, including the police station, town hall, as well as the renovated fire station. Mr. Chelgren recommended that this ceremony be pushed out a few weeks in order to allow the staff to get settled.

Mr. Chelgren added that the phone system has voice over IP system. Although this is an efficient system, there are some issues that need to be resolved, which are being addressed.

Red Cross Hero's Award

Mr. Hersee said that The American Red Cross, Northern Chapter held a Hero's Breakfast Award Ceremony on March 27th and that he attended as the Representative of Wenham. He went on to say that Wenham resident Pat Scanlon, who is a retired special needs teacher was recognized for her volunteer work with hospice of the North Shore.

He said that it was a very moving event and extended congratulations to Ms. Scanlon for a well deserved honor.

Mr. Clemenzi said that the BOS recently participated with Meals on Wheels in the delivery of meals. He added that this was a great experience and that the Selectmen enjoyed meeting the people in the area.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Review

Mr. Chelgren said that the final vote on the ATM Warrant will be taken at the next meeting of the BOS in order to meet the printing deadline.

Mr. Chelgren stated that there were 14 Articles currently on the Warrant and because this was a lot the articles were divided into three sections in the draft.

The first group is the traditional business Articles, the next six are the recommended Articles to be brought fourth and the third section is a list of Articles that are recommended to be held for the anticipated Special Town Meeting in the fall.

He went on to review the articles in each group.

Mr. Weaver, Town Moderator/ Town Counsel participated in this conversation as needed.

Mr. Weaver reviewed additional Town Meeting business with the BOS i.e. overrides, article wording, and ballot questions.

Mr. Chelgren noted that the Finance and Advisory Committee contacted him regarding the wording for the school override amount.

A discussion of understanding followed.

Mr. Chelgren identified that a BOS meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning with the Finance Director, and the Finance and Advisory Chair.

REPORTS

The staff was again acknowledged for all the work they did to get the town hall moved to the new building with packing and unpacking.

Mr. Swartz noted that this week is the final bidding on the retired street signs.

Friends of the COA are holding a Kite Day on April 26th at Gordon Conwell College.

7:44 PM – Mr. Hersee made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.